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Title: Need to increase the Minimum Support Price of Sugarcane.

SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN (DINDIGUL): Sugarcane is one of the main cash crops for agriculturists. In our country, it is grown in almost all the states. As sugar is consumed by almost all the people, naturally the need to grow sugarcane has gained momentum. At the same time though it is grown in large areas and it is supposed to be one time cash crop, but the remunerative price of sugarcane does not help the farmers. The minimum support price of sugar cane is not at all helping the farmers to meet their loans which they have obtained from banks and other financial institutions. Agricultural inputs prices like manure , fertilizers have increased considerably besides labour and coolie charges have gone up with the result the farmers are facing lot of money problem. Hence, I urge upon the Agricultural Minister to fix up more than Rs. 2500/- per tonne as Minimum Support Price for sugarcane plus cutting charges and transport charges.